

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 21 has been amended. Claims 1-21 are pending and under consideration. No new matter is presented in this Amendment.

OBVIOUSNESS TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING

On pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner provisionally rejects claims 1-21 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-21 of copending Application No. 10/625,735. Since Application No. 10/625,735 has not yet been indicated as being allowable, it is believed that any submission of a Terminal Disclaimer or arguments as to the non-obvious nature of the claims would be premature. MPEP 804(I)(B).

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103:

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Yamagami (U.S. Patent 6,334,025) and the Examiner's taking Official Notice. The rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

By way of review, Yamagami discloses a digital electronic camera which displays an image in a display section 701. To perform the display, a CPU 13 reads compressed image data out of a selected image file, decompresses the read compressed image data, and transfers the decompressed image data in an image display buffer 12 when the image is being displayed. When displayed, icons for the audio and/or text are also displayed, and the audio and/or text are reproduced if the icons are selected. (Col. 11, lines 6-20, col. 12, lines 27-35; FIGs. 1, 7, 8). However, there is no suggestion that the compressed image data is read to the image display buffer 12, or that, after being buffered, the buffered image data is decompressed, or that the buffered image data is decompressed while the audio and/or text data is being reproduced.

In contrast, claim 21 recites, among other features, "reading from the storage medium encoded catalog information stored in a second region of the storage medium and related to the encoded audio data and buffering the read encoded catalog information in a buffer prior to decoding the encoded catalog information." Claim 21 further recites "reading and decoding the encoded audio data and catalog playback information from the first region of the storage medium while reading and decoding the buffered encoded catalog information from the buffer according to the read and decoded catalog playback information." Since the Examiner's taking of Official Notice does not cure the above noted deficiency, it is respectfully submitted that the combination does not disclose or suggest the invention as recited in claim 21.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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